THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The Ministry of Railways have not so far placed any wagon orders for the year 1995-96 through Wagon India Ltd. (WIL);

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Wagon Builders are idling for want of workload since April, 1995, Ministry of Railways have been approachad to release wagon orders.

Rejection of HEC tender by Bokaro Steal Plant

6443. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in Bokaro Steel Plant, Heavy Engineering Corporation Limited, Ranchi along with NKMZ, Ukraine, the supplier of the existing Hot Strip Mill plant, were not prequalified to bid for the project of revamping of the existing Hot Strip Mill (Rs. 550 crore project) and if so, the reasons for elimination of HEC as bidder;

(b) whether order for the continuous casting machine of BSL was not placed on HEC, even though HECs price (Rs. 573.9 crore) for the package of Engineering/Design/Supply/Erection/ Commissioning of Plants/Equimpments/ Spares is less than the price (Rs. 594.9 crore) at which main turn-key project has been ordered; and

(c) whether to make HEC's price more, the price of consumable was loaded which was not as per original tender specifications and only after 2nd submission of price bid, tenderers were asked to submit the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Show cause notice for winding up of BOGL

6444. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRIMATI CHANDRAKALA PANDEY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BIFR in its hearing dated 23rd November, 1994 decided to issue show-cause notice for winding up the Bharat Opthalmic Glass Ltd. (BOGL) under Ministry of Industry;

(b) whether it is also a fact that BOGL is the only factory of its kind in the country having products of 100% import substitution; and

(c) if so, what are the steps being taken by Government to rehabilitate the industry in view of the show cause notice for winding up BOGL issued by BIFR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) BIFR in their hearing on 23.11.94 formed a primafacie opinion that BOGL should be wound up under section 20 of Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provision) Act and ordered for issue of notices calling for objections/suggestions or alternative proposals.

(b) Among BOGL's products, Flint Buttons are 100% Import Substitution Products.

(c) Government has proposed to BIFR to continue the operations of BOGL for three years, monitor its performance closely and decide the future course of action at the end of 1996-97. A financial package has also been proposed alongwith it.

Policy changes made in industrial sector

6445. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the major policy changes made by Government in the industrial sector during the last four years;